

shoes were getting muddy and dirty. Your hands would be clinging to the rough limestone wall. We found a rope and used it to help us get out of the freezing water. Where we had to go next was this cave where we found a blue waxed candle which we needed later on in the Quest.
Tiana

Walking through the prickly bushes we found a dark cave surrounded by bush. As we walked through the damp cave we were demanded to find a clue. When we were looking Tiana spots a pale purple candle. After we showed the wizard the candle she read us another clue. When she finished we rushed through the bush and followed the track to a big log going across the river. We had a choice to go across the log or walk further ahead and walk across the bridge. We choose the log. As we were walking across the log we were shaking and wiggling. I kept on thinking I was going to fall off the log as Te Hurinui was shaking it. It was a success. It was very adventurous.
Tui

The poison circle was one of the hardest quests because we had to put our mind to it and we only had one chance. Logan came up with most of the ideas and Angel came up with the idea that we used. Logan assembled this idea and we completed it. We had the wizard stick and some rope. We tied a slip knot and put it over the container and pulled the knot tight and we lifted the container and brought it out of the circle. Written on the outside was our clue.
Te Hurinui

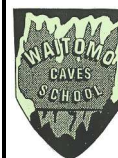
As we go down the windy foot path we get to a ladder which leads to a cave. It was very hard to see, we used the candle that we found in the first cave as I lead the group to the mystery key. Te Hurinui was standing right beside the hidden key but I find it in the end. We walk on out with me in the front of the line to the top of the steps. Everyone knew I found the key and we knew that we had one more clue to do. We all worked as a team to find the mystery key together in the cave and we all worked together as a team to get out of the dark mysteries cave by joining together in a line.
Logan

We had to find a treasure chest on our Black Water Rafting Quest today. We all helped look for it then Tui found the chest. It was fun when we found it. When we found the chest it had some chocolate and a drink of fizzy in it. We all had to sit in a circle and celebrate. At the end we all had to share what we liked and what we did that was fun. My best part was when we had found the chest in the cave.
Alyssa

What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

14-16 May	ERO visit
16 May	ERO meet with parents, 2.00pm
23 May	COP's winter sports
25 May	Community Assembly
Week 6	Meredith Bird-Miller arrives
30 May	College Production
4 June	Queen's birthday holiday

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Term Two 2012

Week Three – 11 May

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

Unfortunately we had only a short visit from Charlie. He and his family have relocated and now reside in the Kio Kio School area. We wish them well and hope they enjoy being in New Zealand.

At the end of next week we farewell Mrs Bobbi Baker who has been our office administrator for the past two years. Thank you Bobbi for your continued support and commitment to the job and we wish you well with your family business. An appointment has been made and the position will be filled with minimal disruption.

Welcome to school Ben Draper who is our new Sport Energise co-ordinator. Also welcome to Chika Suzuki. Chika has volunteered her help over the term.

Education Review Office (ERO)

Mrs Lyn Jones is expected on Monday to begin the review process. Unfortunately Mr Darcy Te Hau is no longer available to assist Mrs Jones however, Mr Gavin Baumberg will be here for the day on Monday and Mr Tom Struthers will arrive on Tuesday morning for the remainder of the review.

You are invited to attend a meeting with the ERO co-ordinators on Wednesday 16 May at 2.00pm. It is likely this meeting will conclude around 3.00pm. Please come along and share your thoughts on where we are at, at



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You will also meet Mr Bill Nobel who is an education consultant. Bill is working with our school this year to appraise staff and is a 'Friend of the School' during the review process.

Leadership Days

Over the past week senior students took part in two leadership days. While participating in various activities students called on their skills as responsible leaders, positive role models and co-operative group members.

Thank you Patricia for transporting students to Rotorua to participate in the National Young Leaders Day.

Soccer

Congratulations to all the soccer teams for their performance last Saturday. Each team has had a great start to the season and you all looked great in your new uniforms. Invoices for this years sub will be sent home over the week.

Waitomo Caves Hotel

Thank you to Richard from the Hotel and the Auckland Muscle Car Club. Over Easter while the Car Club were visiting Waitomo, Richard and the club members decided to make a contribution to our school. Together \$300 was raised and donated to our school this week.

We will put this funding towards displaying our Giant Joan tiles.



COP's Winter Sports

On Wednesday 23 May all Year 3 to 8 children will be participating in the COP's winter sports. Years 3/4 students will play soccer at the Otorohanga Domain. Years 5/6 students will play netball at the Otorohanga Netball Pavilion and our Year 7/8's will play Rippa Rugby at Island Reserve. We will need parents to help with transporting 25 children into town. A pink flyer will be sent home soon to ask for transport and support for the day. Each team will need to be at their sports venue by 9.45am and the last round should conclude around 2.00pm. Children will be expected to wear the school sports t-shirts and there will be food stalls at each venue. Children will need suitable footwear and extra clothing for between games. Netball children will need court shoes, soccer and rippa rugby students will require footwear for playing in however, football/soccer boots are not allowed.

Our school is organising the soccer barbeque with the help of the fundraising committee. Your help is needed so it would be great if you could pop along and give a hand on the day.

Art Day

Children have begun the next art day focus on Decoupage. Please ask them about this form of art. Everyone has been asked to think about this project and decide on what to bring to decorate. Ideas could include a craft box, tray, vase, glass plate or folder. We also need magazines, pictures, images and patterned paper. If children have preference to pictures or cut outs from home they are welcome to bring them along. All items are required by Friday.

Rugby Club Meal

The Waitomo Rugby Club has a home game on Saturday verses Bush United. Please pop down to the clubrooms to help out with the meal fundraiser around 2.30pm.

Community News

From the Truancy Team Te Kuiti now have a truant free business district (as does Otorohanga), between 9am - 3pm, for unaccompanied students and those without a valid school pass. That means that school aged students cannot shop in the Te Kuiti Township (including the Warehouse) without a parent or a school pass during school hours.

St Joseph's Primary School Fashion Show Fundraiser – View the latest collections from Tsunami Curl at the Waitete Club Rooms, Te Kuiti, Wednesday 9 May, \$10 per ticket. Doors open at 7pm, show starts 7:30pm. Tickets are available for purchase from St Joseph's School Office or Tsunami Curl and include nibbles, drinks are available to purchase.

Children's Work

The first thing we did was try to get five tubes over a limbless tree, aka wooden pole. We tried lots of strategies and we finally got all the five tubes off the limbless tree. We were successful at doing that after a couple of strategies. We started by trying to throw it over the pole. In the end we used the staff and lifted Te Hurinui and Logan to get the tubes off. The difficulty level of this task was medium. Ratapu

Today we had done a quest at Black Water Rafting which was awesome. There was one particular one that I liked and it was when we had to get in a group and we had to try and cross the river by sitting on a tube and pulling across with a rope. Then some of us almost fell in which was quite funny! The water was really warm although Mrs Dimond thought it was pretty cold. We were also in groups of twos and threes and Mrs Dimond went on her own. Angel

The murky water was as high as my waist! It was freezing. Everyone got their shoes stuck and dirty in the mud at the bottom of the stream. It was hard and hilarious while your